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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a real estate professional in one of the nation's fastest-growing markets, I can attest to the importance of settling the Microsoft antitrust case as soon as possible. I write in hopes that the court considering the proposed settlement will give careful consideration to the view I know I share with many Americans who are concerned about the continued impact this litigation could have on our nation's economic recovery.

I strongly believe that competitors should settle the differences in the marketplace, not in the legal arena. The Microsoft suit was driven by competitors of Microsoft, and the U.S. Department of Justice allowed itself to be used in that effort to win in the courts what competitors had been unable to win in the market.

Now a settlement has been negotiated under which Microsoft will be required to change its business practices substantially and submit to continuing review of its behavior. This should be sufficient. It is time for the high-tech industry to get out of the courtroom and lawyers' offices and back to work providing better products, better services and lower prices to consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Pace".

Peter Pace
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